

Attorney Docket No. ABSALUS-08602

REMARKS**1. Oath/Declaration**

The Notice stated that the "oath or declaration is unsigned." However, Applicants mailed a signed Declaration to the Office on April 21/04, before the mailing date of this Notice. For the Office's convenience, Applicants enclose a copy of the signed Declaration mailed on April 21, 2004 (Tab 1).

2. Substitute Specification

The Notice requested a substitute specification on the ground that the "specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because the line spacing on the Specification, claims, or abstract is not 1½ or double spaced." Applicants enclose a clean copy of a substitute specification, claims, and abstract that is 1½ spaced (Tab 2). The clean substitute specification includes no new matter.

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